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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Applicants : Bernd ECKARDT et al)
Application No.: 09/937,668) INFORMATION
Filed : September 28, 2001) DISCLOSURE
For : RECOMBINATION DEVICE AND) STATEMENT
METHOD FOR CATALYTICALLY)
RECOMBINING HYDROGEN AND/)
OR CARBON MONOXIDE WITH)
OXYGEN IN A GASEOUS)
MIXTURE)
Attorney Docket: 32325-174523)

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 enclosed is a
PTO-1449 Form listing five references.

Four of the references were cited in an International
Search Report issued by the European Patent Office, a copy of
which was filed on September 28, 2001. Copies of these
references are not submitted as the Notification of
Acceptance dated December 11, 2001 indicates that the Patent
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A copy of a German Office action dated November 11, 1999 and the article reference cited therein are enclosed as well.

As concerns the German-language article reference, the German Examiner made, in English translation, the following statement concerning its pertinence, in the last sentence of the fifth paragraph on page 2 of the German Office action:

As to reference (2) [the article reference] it is added that a catalyst body having a throttle layer for impeding diffusion is by itself known (see in that reference particularly Figure 1).

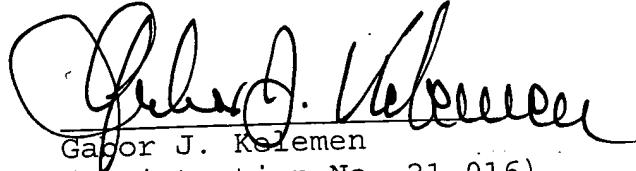
This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits pursuant to 37 1.97(b)(3).

By submitting an English-language version of the relevant portion of the German Office action the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance of non-English-language references is deemed to be satisfied pursuant to the sentence bridging the two columns on page 600-101 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Seventh Edition (Revision 1, February 2000).

Since all the requirements of Rules 97 and 98 have been complied with, the Examiner is requested to consider the references on their merit and return a copy of the PTO-1449

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Respectfully submitted,



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